

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (cancelled).

Claim 2 (currently amended). A process for producing phosgene ~~which is low in~~ having carbon tetrachloride content of less than 150 ppm by the reaction of carbon monoxide with chlorine in the presence of elemental carbon in a reactor, characterized in the complete reaction of the chlorine ensured by using carbon monoxide in slight excess and in that the gas stream emerging from the reactor is at a temperature of 30 to 80°C and is under a pressure of 120 to 400 kPa<sub>abs.</sub> as measured directly downstream of the phosgene generator.

Claim 3 (original). A process according to Claim 2, characterized in that the gas stream emerging from the reactor is at a temperature of 40 to 70°C.

Claim 4 (previously presented). A process according to Claim 2 characterized in that the gas stream emerging from the reactor is under a pressure of 300 kPa<sub>abs</sub> at most.

Claim 5 (previously presented). A process according to Claim 2 characterized in that the methane content of the carbon monoxide is 50 ppm at most.

Claim 6 (cancelled).

Claim 7 (cancelled).

Claim 8 (currently amended). In the process for producing phosgene by reacting a slight excess of carbon monoxide with chlorine the improvement comprising carrying out the reaction in the presence of elemental carbon, restricting the gas stream emerging from said reactor to a temperature of 30 to 80°C to a pressure of 120 to 400 kPa<sub>abs</sub> as measured directly downstream from said reactor, said phosgene characterized in having a content of carbon tetrachloride that is less than 150 ppm.